

# Read Beyond The Beaten Path



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## Children's Summer Reading: May 25 – August 12

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Monday - Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## How Summer Reading Works

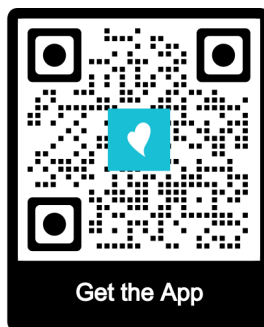
Children's reading challenges are open to kids ages 0 - 12. Choose the best challenge for your reading level when you register either using Beanstack or in-person at the library.

### Using Paper Logs:

Pick up a paper log from the children's reference desk or print it from our website yourself. Turn in your first completed reading log to the desk to earn a **FREE** book and other prizes, while supplies last!

### Using Beanstack:

Either download the app or go online to [dkpl.beanstack.org](http://dkpl.beanstack.org) to create an account and register for a reading challenge. Log 10 hours and then stop by the children's reference desk to get a **FREE** book and other prizes, while supplies last!



Participants may read beyond 10 hours to earn additional prizes, while supplies last.

**Prizes will be available starting Wednesday, June 29.**

## Reading Challenges

**Listeners:** This is a great club for children who are not yet reading or are just learning to read. Listen for 10 hours to complete the program.

**Readers:** This club is for children up to age 12 who are reading independently. Read for 10 hours to complete the program.

Many thanks to the [Friends of the DeKalb Public Library](#) for sponsoring the starred\* events listed on the following pages!

# Special Programs



## Conductor Cody's All Aboard Railroads\*

Thursday, June 9, 11:00 a.m. **AND** 1:00 p.m.

It's all aboard on Conductor Cody's magical railway adventures! Young patrons and their families will embark on rail journeys of discovery and knowledge, pairing railway magic with real facts about railway history, science, and operations. **Drop-in, ages 3-8 and families.**



## Conductor Cody's Railroad Submarine\*

Friday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. **AND** 1:00 p.m.

With a bit of magic, Conductor Cody's Railroad Submarine combines trains and the ocean! Young patrons and their families will lay down tracks under the sea as we explore all the possibilities within the ocean and learn why it's important to keep it clean. **Drop-in, ages 3-8 and families.**



## Dizz Wizz Extravaganza with Rheon D. Gibson

Monday, June 13, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a social-emotional extravaganza with the author of The Dizz Wizz Series! Rheon D. Gibson will read his publication "Dizz Wizz Speaking It Into Existence." After, enjoy several fun activity sheets and discuss how the moral of the story relates to your life. **Drop-in, all ages.**



## Crosstown Exotics' Bug & Reptile Show\*

Thursday, June 30

10:00 a.m. **AND** 11:30 a.m. **AND** 1:00 p.m.

Dive into the creepy crawly world of insects and arachnids! Explore the prehistoric world of reptiles and amphibians! Audiences will learn from animal experts as they meet some of the planets oldest and scaliest creatures. **Drop-in, all ages.**

# Special Programs (cont.)



## Meet Mirabel\*

Saturday, July 23, 10:00 a.m.

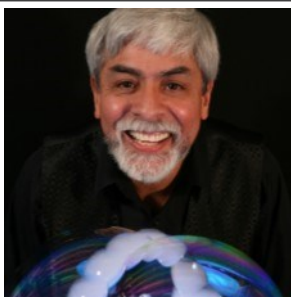
Enjoy an interactive story and chat with Mirabel! While waiting for your turn to meet personally with Mirabel for a picture, you can enjoy a variety of butterfly and rodent crafts. After the program, up to 20 families may receive an autographed keepsake photo. **Drop-in, all ages.**



## Young Writers and Publishing\*

Saturday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.

Authors Leni (age 13), Libby (age 10), and Mike of *Pumpkin Head Tom and Mummy Mary* teach kids how to become published authors, offering a real, first-hand view from manuscript to published book. Get creative and design your own book cover using library supplies! **Sign-up, ages 6 and up.**



## Ben's Bubble Show\*

Thursday, July 28

10:00 a.m. **AND** 11:30 a.m. **AND** 1:00 p.m.

Ben Jimenez presents a mind-blowing show featuring bubble magic, illusions, and sculptures. Audience volunteers help with a trick or two — you may even end up inside a giant bubble! **Drop-in, all ages.**



## Cereal Box Art with NY Artist Michael Albert\*

Friday, August 5, 2:00 p.m.

Everyone can enjoy artist Michael Albert's famous, hands-on, recycled Pop Art workshop! After a mini presentation about pop art, there will be a hands-on workshop, followed by a poster giveaway and signing. Albert will offer signed prints, post cards, and bookmarks. **Sign-up, all ages.**



# More Special Programs

## **Family Fun Science: Fascinating Food Science**

Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a special outdoor Family Fun Science event exploring food science. Investigate desiccants with cucumbers, test out your taste buds, and see if you can use food as a pH indicator. Of course, you can't have a food science program without eating, so we'll also be making ice cream to enjoy!

**Sign-up, all ages.**

## **iBelong with RAMP**

Tuesday, June 14, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for iBelong, an interactive curriculum designed to provide an overview of a variety of disabilities and promote inclusion for all! We'll explore some cool tools Deaf people use, watch a Deaf fairy tale, and act out some fairy tales together. We'll also learn some American Sign Language and even get our own sign name!

**Drop-in, rising grades K - 5.**

## **Strawberry DNA with SWE**

Saturday, June 18, 10:00 a.m.

In this event, kids will learn about the basic building blocks of life, cells, when we extract DNA from strawberries with volunteers from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

**Sign-up, rising grades 2 - 5.**

## **Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh Story Time & Hike**

Friday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a story and a hike! DeKalb Public Library children's librarians will lead a short story time, and then Naturalists with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve will take us on a guided hike. On this hike by a marsh, we hope to be able to see some frogs, tadpoles, or invertebrates.

**Drop-in, all ages.**

## **Escape Room with Homeschool Happenings**

Monday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. **AND** 11:00 a.m.

Escape from a "locked" room in this game that is sweeping the nation. Participants do not need to be homeschoolers; everyone is welcome. Space limited to 8 per session.

**Sign-up, ages 8 and up.**

## **Family Fun Science: Messy Science**

Saturday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.

July's Family Fun Science program is full of mess: volcanoes, slime, painting, boats. Dress in clothes you can get dirty and maybe wear a bathing suit underneath. After all the science, we'll turn on a sprinkler and you can run through and rinse off!

**Sign-up, all ages.**

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# More Special Programs (cont.)

## Medieval Day with Homeschool Happenings

Monday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.

Learn all about medieval history as we are joined by the Society of Creative Anachronism! The SCA group will demonstrate and engage everyone with various hands-on activities common to the Medieval Age.

**Drop-in, ages 8 and up.**

## Archaeology Adventures\*

Tuesday, July 19, 1:00 p.m.

Go on an adventure with the Center for American Archeology! Learn about archaeological fieldwork with a story that includes show-and-tell artifacts, tools, and models. Then jump to the future with Trash Bin Archaeology and explore modern artifacts to learn how archaeologists identify, interpret, and tell the stories of the past.

**Sign-up, rising grades K - 3.**

## Afton Forest Preserve Story Time & Hike

Friday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a story and a hike! DeKalb Public Library children's librarians will lead a short story time, and then Naturalists with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve will take us on a guided hike. On this hike by a prairie, we hope to be able to enjoy and identify lots of wildflowers!

**Drop-in, all ages.**

## Spaghetti Structures with SWE

Saturday, July 30, 10:00 a.m.

Explore the fundamentals of structural engineering with the Society of Women Engineers by creating structures using spaghetti noodles and other challenging building supplies! Build a bridge! Or a tower! Will your structure collapse?

**Sign-up, rising grades 2 - 5.**

## Kindness Kids Yoga

Wednesday, July 20 **AND** July 27 **AND** August 3 **AND** August 10, 6:00 p.m.

Build community and inner confidence as we explore breath, yoga poses, games, meditation, relaxation and creativity in fun, unique classes with Kindness Kids Yoga! This four-part program is sponsored by DeKalb Kiwanis "Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body". **Sign-up, ages 7-12.**

# Collect Them All!

Summer reading participants can receive a **FREE** lanyard on which to collect our summer reading buttons! Visit the library every week for a new button. You can also get buttons at story times and other programs. Of course, there is also a button for completing your reading challenge!

# Weekly/Monthly Programs

**Check our print or web calendar for program times and dates.**

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## **4-C Bebes y Libros**

Una oportunidad para que los niños sean expuestos en el lenguaje y la música. ¡Comparta tiempo con su bebé o niño pequeño y conozca otros padres, también!

An opportunity for babies and young children to move and learn basic Spanish through music and stories.

**Drop-in, ages 0 - 5.**

## **4-C Babies and Books**

Bond with your infant or toddler in this program that supports language development, early literacy, and fine motor skills through songs, rhymes, and parent-child interactions.

**Drop-in, ages 0 - 5.**

## **Read to Rover**

Emma the collie, a certified therapy dog, will visit the library to listen to kids read. Register at the Youth Reference Desk for a 10-minute time slot to read to the dog.

**Sign-up, all ages.**

## **Musical Mornings**

Music and rhythm stimulate the senses and engage us on many levels. Join music therapist Angie Carter for a special morning of musical developmental activities.

**Drop-in, ages 18 months - 3 years.**

## **Book Babies**

A story time for our youngest friends. Quick stories, songs, finger plays and other fun, along with opportunities to learn about early literacy practices that work just as well at home!

**Drop-in, ages 0 - 18 months.**

## **Preschool Story Time**

A story time featuring books, songs, and activities especially for growing preschool brains! Reading, singing, talking, and counting are great activities to help prepare kids for Kindergarten.

**Drop-in, ages 3-5.**

## **Toddler Time**

A story time for our toddler friends featuring shorter stories, songs, games, and more to engage with younger minds and shorter attention spans!

**Drop-in, ages 18 - 36 months.**

## **Story Time at Huntley Park**

Join John and Laura for outdoor story times! Bring a blanket or chair(s) and meet at the southwestern corner of the park. We will announce on the library's Facebook page if the program is cancelled due to weather.

**Drop-in, ages 18 - 36 months.**

**Weekly/Monthly Programs, continued >>**

# Weekly/Monthly Programs (cont.)

## Bookworm Barbs Book Club

A book party for our beginning readers! Read a simple chapter book every month (or have a caregiver read it aloud). We'll discuss the book, do a craft, and eat a snack. Books are available at the Youth Services desk a month before a meeting.

Sign-up, rising grades K - 2.

## BARB Book Club

BARB (Books are Really Brilliant) is our home for book-loving independent readers. Every month, read the book. We'll discuss the book, play a game, and eat a snack. Books are available at the Youth Services desk a month before a meeting.

Sign-up, rising grades 3 - 5.

## Sponsors



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